(*b*) what is the special reason for providing the future applicability of the said Act I of 1925 only to Jain religious endowments; and

(*c*) why a similar provision was not made regarding other non-Hindu religious endowments?

A.—(*a*) & (*c*) Act I of 1925 is called the Madras Hindu Religious Endowments Act. It does not profess to apply to religious endowments other than Hindu. The Government have no reason to think that an Act is required at present to control endowments of the Christian, Muhammadan, or other religions not allied to Hinduism.

(*b*) Power was retained to extend the Act to Jain religious endowments owing to the near connexion between the Jain and Hindu religions.

The working of the Hindu Religious Endowments Act.

* 226 *Q.*—Mr. K. RAGHUCHANDRA BALLAL: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the Act I of 1925 came into force in the Presidency;

(*b*) whether the Act has been applied to all the districts and all classes of Hindu religious endowments without exception;

(*c*) when the Hindu Religious Endowments Board was brought into being and whether the Commissioners of that Board are to function under the said Act jointly or severally;

(*d*) why no Jain has been appointed as a Commissioner of the said Board;

(*e*) whether rules under the said Act have been framed and published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*;

(*f*) what is the number of mutts and excepted temples over which the board has assumed control in the Presidency and in South Kanara;

(*g*) what is the number of non-excepted temples brought under the Act in the Presidency and in South Kanara;

(*h*) what is the total income of all the Hindu religious endowments brought under the Act; and

(*i*) whether any committees have been constituted for non-excepted temples in the Presidency and South Kanara; if so, what is their number; if not, why not?

A.—(*a*) 27th January 1925.

(*b*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to sub-section (1) of section 2 of Act I of 1925.

(*c*) 10th February 1925; the question whether the Commissioners of the Board are to function jointly or severally is one to be regulated by by-laws made by the Board.

(*d*) Act I of 1925 does not apply to Jain Religious Endowments. There appears to be no necessity to appoint a Jain as Commissioner.

(*e*) The Committee appointed to frame rules under the Act has prepared a set of rules which is now under the consideration of Government.

(*f*), (*g*) & (*h*) The Government have no information.

(i) The answer is in the negative; the question of constituting committees will be taken up when complete information relating to Hindu temples is available.

Education.

Location of the Muhammadan High School, Kurnool.

* 227 *Q.*—Mr. K. Abdul Hye Sahib : Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Government Muhammadan High School, Kurnool, has been located in an unsuitable building ; and

(*b*) whether for want of accommodation various classes are held in open verandahs exposed to sun and wind ; if so, what action the Government will be pleased to take in this matter ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The building is not unsuitable but the accommodation is insufficient and steps are being taken to improve it.

Increments to unpassed clerks in Registration and Educational Departments.

* 228 *Q.*—Khan Bahadur Haji Abdulla Haji Qasim Sahib : Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Inspector-General of Registration and Director of Public Instruction have issued orders to the heads of offices to withhold the grant of further increments pending further orders and called for statements of those unpassed clerks in view to the question of their exemption being considered ?

A.—Yes.

Bill to amend the Elementary Education Act.

* 229 *Q.*—Rao Bahadur C. V. S. Narasimha Raju : Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state when the proposed Bill to amend the Elementary Education Act will be introduced ?

A.—The final form of the Bill has not yet been settled.

Commercial school, etc., at Calicut.

* 230 *Q.*—Mr. K. Raghuchandra Ballal : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Government maintain at Calicut a commercial school and a soap factory of their own ; and

(*b*) if so, what are the special reasons for such maintenance at Calicut alone ?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The Soap factory was opened to demonstrate the possibility of soap manufacture in a centre where sufficient supplies of the necessary ingredients were procurable. Calicut was considered the most suitable place for the experiment. A duplication of the experiment in other centres was not thought necessary.

There is another Government School of Commerce at Vizagapatam.